Trade Fairs/Festivals held abroad

3547. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Trade Fairs/Festivals held abroad in which India participated during the last two years and so far in 1994;

(b) how many officers/staff constituted our teams for each Trade Fair/Festivals and how much expenditure was incurred on each team;

(c) what concrete benefits were derived by attending such Trade Fairs/Festivals; and

(d) how many Trade Fairs/Festivals are likely to be organised in India during the years 1994 and 1995 and what are the necessary details thereof?-

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) organises participation in General Fairs, Specialised Commodity fairs and also exclusive Indian Exhibitions abroad. The details of participation in fairs/exhibitions held abroad during the last two years and so far in 1994 are as follows:—

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95 (till July)
General fairs	21	21	3
Specialised fairs	20	21	3
Exclusive Indian Exhibition	2	—	1
	43	42	7

Besides these the Department of Culture also organised cultural festivals *viz.* the Festival of India in Germany from Sept., 1991 to April, 1992 and the Festival of India in Beijing, China in May' 94.

(b) During 1992-93, 1993-94 and upto July, 1994 ITPO deputed 95, 103 and 13 officers respectively. The total expenditure on these deputations have been Rs. 3.05 crores. In connection with cultural festival five officers visited China during 1993-94 and estimated expenditure on these visits is Rs. 7,31,050.00

(c) As a result of ITPO's participation in trade fairs abroad in 1992-93, 1993-94 and upto July 1994, the total business generated as reported by the participants is as under:—

1992-93	1993-94	Upto July 1994
(Rupees in crores)		
1398.90	1093.27	336.83

All festivals helped to generate an appropriate climate of goodwill and understanding for mutual exchanges in different spheres including technology, commerce and tourism on a more permanent footing.

(d) India Trade Promotion Organisation, other Export Promotion Councils and various other organisers have organised as per information gathered from ITPO 29 fairs/exhibitions during 1994 and 26 fairs will be organised during 1995. These fairs cover diverse items/various commodities like garments, handicrafts, books, plastic, electronics, consumer goods, leather and leather products, health and medicare, engineering, agricultural products and gifts etc.

As regards Festivals of any country in India during 1994-95, no decision has been taken so far.

Commission to Study Social Issues in Agenda of WTO

3548. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to appoint a commission to study the social issues proposed to be included in the agenda of the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) who will be the Chairman and